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Germain FOURNIER et al.

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Filed: August 31, 2001  
Serial No.: 09/942,682  
Examiner: Richard Ridley  
Group Art Unit: 3651

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DISCUSSION

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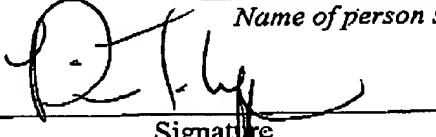
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